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Re: Public Notice
Farm ID# 6245
Wabash County

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find a copy of our Notice of Public Comment Period document for the draft NPDES Individual Permit to Harry Bekel, member of New Schoonebeck LLC, for a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation in Wabash County. We request that you public notice the document one time only, as soon as possible.

For billing, please send a notarized form and clippings showing the date of publication to Dan Bruggen, Indiana Department of Environmental Management 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. On the backside of your publisher claim, please be sure to include your Federal Identification number on the first line below the statement: "In the sum of \$"

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call (800) 451-6027, press 0 and ask for Dan Bruggen, or ask for extension 3-3554 or dial him directly at (317) 233-3554.

Sincerely,

Jerome Rud, Chief
Solid Waste Permits Section
Office of Land Quality

Enclosure

cc: Brian W. Daggy- Agricultural Environmental Consulting, LLC (with enclosures)
Wabash County Board of Commissioners (with enclosures)
Wabash County Health Department (with enclosures)
La Fontaine Mayor/Town Council President (with enclosures)
USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (with enclosures)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN REVIEW OF
CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION

Introduction

On June 20, 2008, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) received a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) individual permit application for a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) from New Schoonebeek Dairy, LLC in Wabash County. The application was submitted to comply with both the NPDES CAFO Permit Rule and the Indiana Confined Feeding Control Law. Notice is hereby given that IDEM is opening a comment period on the draft individual permit and application.

Application Details

The New Schoonebeek Dairy facility is an existing dairy operation currently operating under a NPDES General permit, confining 1,800 dairy cows in three barns. The operation also includes a milk parlor, holding pen and offices. Each confinement barn has concrete floors. The manure/process wastewater from the operation will be directed to either of the two concrete manure/ process wastewater sand/manure settling separator pits, a solid manure/sand storage dewatering concrete pad and finally to either of the two earthen compacted clay liner manure/process wastewater storage lagoons. All milking parlor wastewater is directed to the manure/process wastewater handling system. The raw materials and feed storage area is designed to collect silage leachate and the storm water up to the 25-year, 24-hour rain event in an earthen compacted clay liner storage pond. Storm water from the dairy operation is handled by a earthen storm water detention area. All manure and process wastewaters will be land applied by the permittee, a contractor under the control of the permittee, or distributed to other persons for land application or converting to compost. The milk chilling process utilizes groundwater and a non-contact cooling device. The non-contact cooling water will be collected for recycling as drinking water or to mist the cows for cooling purposes. Excess non-contact cooling water is conveyed to an existing field drainage tile and not to any of the manure/process wastewater storage structures. The facility must be operated in accordance with the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation Rule's (327 IAC 5-4-3 and 327 IAC 15-15) and Indiana's Confined Feeding Operation Rule (327 IAC 16).

Public Review and Comment

The draft permit is available for review in the Wabash Carnegie Public Library, 188 West Hill Street, Wabash Indiana 46992, (260)-563-2972 and on IDEM's agency's web page at: <http://www.in.gov/idem>.

The NPDES permit application and supporting documents is available in IDEM's public file room on the 12th floor of the Indiana Government Center-North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis Indiana 46204, during normal working hours. You may also review the material on IDEM's website in the virtual file cabinet section.

Comments should be technical comments, which addresses compliance with 327 IAC 5-4-3, 327 IAC 15-15, and 327 IAC 16, which can be viewed at:
<http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/T03270/A00160.PDF> Citizens should be reminded that some issues (odor, noise, property values, and traffic concerns) are not within IDEM's jurisdiction. Rather, they are local zoning issues. Persons presenting comments are requested to submit one written copy of the comment and submit it to IDEM within 30 days after the publication of this notice to:

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Concerns will be summarized and a document will be drafted in which a response will be given for each concern. A copy of the responsiveness summary will be mailed to each person who submits written comment if a complete, legible address is provided to IDEM with the comment.

Further Information

For further information please call Daniel Bruggen (317)-233-3554, Dennis Lasiter (317)-232-8732 or Jerome Rud (317)-232-7200.